



'BORED OF THE RINGS, by the HARVARD LAMPOON, reviewed by
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Allegorical meanings can be read into LotR, but it is basically an engrossing and dramatic fairy tale for adults, intended seriously, and one of extraordinary scope, power and beauty. The exact opposite of the above evaluation of Prof. T's masterpiece neatly paraphrases my opinion of 'Bored of the Rings' by the Harvard Lampoon--- basically a boring and trivial farce for mentally retarded cynics, 'published solely for the purpose of making a few fast bucks,' and one of complete lack of consequence, full of High School smut and unoriginal puns. You may ask why, if I feel so strongly that this book is completely worthless, do I bother to review it. It is because I want to thwart the author's openly disclosed intention of cashing in on the success of the Tolkien Trilogy.

The book is more a comment on the worst aspects and the decaying quality of life in North America to-day, than a so-called spoof of LotR. From the invented reviews inside the cover, to the unroductory foreword which has no relation to the actual content, the book is a sham.

A few random quotes will illustrate my point. Bilbo Baggins the Hobbit becomes 'Dildo Bugger the Boggie.' These 'Boggies' live in 'the Sty,' and 'their faces have a pimply malevolence that suggest a deep-seated fondness for making obscene telephone calls.'

At the farewell party, 'Bilbo''s speech begins: 'I hope you have all stuffed yourselves until you are about to be sick!... This customary greeting was met with traditional volleys of farting and belching.' At the finish instead of vanishing, Bilbo drops his pants. 'Frits, Spam, Moxie and Pepsi' proceed th 'Whee,' where they find a gaudy plexiglas and chrome inn, whose blinking sign portrays a boar rampant, devoured by a mouth drooling. The four 'boggies' sign in as 'Alias Undercover, Ivor Gottasecret, John Doe-Smith and Ima Pseudonym.' (Groan!) Aragorn becomes Arrowshirt, Theebeard 'the Jolly Green Giant&' etc. etc. need I continue? Should you come across this book, don't buy it, or you will give the authors the last laugh..... rather deface or destroy it.